IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new Claims 43 and 44 and amend the claims as shown below.
The claims, as currently pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1 to 33. (Canceled)

34. (Previously Presented) An image processing apparatus which comprises
~~a connection unit connected to an external processing apparatus, and which further~~
~~comprises~~ plural card slots in which plural kinds of detachable memory cards are
respectively inserted, comprising:

a reading unit ~~constructed~~ <u>configured</u> to read out data from memory cards
inserted in the card slots; [[and]]

an access control unit ~~constructed~~ <u>configured</u> to set a card slot as an
accessible card slot which the reading unit can access[[,]] <u>and to set a card slot other than</u>
<u>the accessible card slot as inaccessible;</u>

<u>a checking unit configured to check whether a memory card is inserted in</u>
<u>each of the plural card slots, in order; and</u>

<u>a determining unit configured to determine which card slot has been set to</u>
<u>have a priority relative to others of the plural card slots,</u>

wherein, ~~in an initializing state after a power supply is turned on,~~ <u>in a case</u>
<u>where a first memory card is inserted in a first checked card slot which is first checked by</u>
<u>the checking unit,</u> the access control unit sets [[a]] <u>the first checked</u> card slot in which <u>the</u>
<u>first</u> [[a]] memory card is ~~first~~ inserted as the accessible card slot~~, sets the card slots other~~

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~~than the accessible card slot as inaccessible, and does not change the setting of the~~ ~~accessible card slot until the power supply is turned off~~ <u>if the determining unit determines</u> <u>that the first checked card slot has been set to have the priority, and sets a second card slot</u> <u>in which a second memory card is inserted as the accessible card slot if the determining</u> <u>unit determines that the first checked card slot has not been set to have the priority and the</u> <u>checking unit finds that the second memory card is inserted in the second card slot,</u>

<u>wherein the second card slot is a card slot other than the first checked card</u> <u>slot in which the first memory card is inserted</u>.

35. to 36. (Canceled)

37. (Previously Presented) A method of controlling an image processing apparatus which comprises ~~a connection unit connected to an external processing~~ ~~apparatus, and which further comprises~~ plural card slots in which plural kinds of detachable memory cards are respectively inserted, comprising:

reading out data from memory cards inserted in the card slots; [[and]]

setting a card slot as an accessible card slot which can be accessed to read data[[,]] <u>and setting a card slot other than the accessible card slot as inaccessible;</u>

<u>checking whether a memory card is inserted in each of the plural card slots,</u> <u>in order; and</u>

<u>determining which card slot has been set to have a priority relative to others</u> <u>of the plural card slots,</u>

wherein, ~~in an initializing state after a power supply is turned on,~~ in a case where a first memory card is inserted in a first checked card slot which is first checked by the checking step, [[a]] the first checked card slot in which the first [[a]] memory card is ~~first~~ inserted is set as the accessible card slot~~, the card slots other than the accessible card slot are set as inaccessible, and the setting of the accessible card slot does not change until the power supply is turned off~~ if the determining step determines that the first checked card slot has been set to have the priority, and wherein a second card slot in which a second memory card is inserted is set as the accessible card slot if the determining step determines that the first checked card slot has not been set to have the priority and the checking step finds that the second memory card is inserted in the second card slot,

wherein the second card slot is a card slot other than the first checked card slot in which the first memory card is inserted.

38. to 39. (Canceled)

40. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable storage medium storing a computer-executable program for controlling an image processing apparatus which comprises ~~a connection unit connected to an external processing apparatus, and which further comprises~~ plural card slots in which plural kinds of detachable memory cards are respectively inserted, said program comprising the steps of:

reading out data from memory cards inserted in the card slots; [[and]]

setting a card slot as an accessible card slot which can be accessed to read data[[,]] and setting a card slot other than the accessible card slot as inaccessible;

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checking whether a memory card is inserted in each of the plural card slots, in order; and

determining which card slot has been set to have a priority relative to others of the plural card slots,

wherein, ~~in an initializing state after a power supply is turned on,~~ in a case where a first memory card is inserted in a first checked card slot which is first checked in the checking step, [[a]] the first checked card slot in which the first [[a]] memory card is first inserted is set as the accessible card slot~~, the card slots other than the accessible card slot are set as inaccessible, and the setting of the accessible card slot does not change until the power supply is turned off~~ if the determining step determines that the first checked card slot has been set to have the priority, and wherein a second card slot in which a second memory card is inserted is set as the accessible card slot if the determining step determines that the first checked card slot has not been set to have the priority and the checking step finds that the second memory card is inserted in the second card slot,

wherein the second card slot is a card slot other than the first checked card slot in which the first memory card is inserted.

41. to 42. (Canceled)

43. (New) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 34, further comprising a printer configured to print an image based on the data read out from the memory card read by the reading unit.

44. (New) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 43, further comprising an operation panel configured to accept a user operation, wherein the printer prints the image based on the data read out from the memory card by the reading unit when the operation panel accepts a user operation for printing of the data in the memory card.